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BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.

Health Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Alderman E. MIDDLETON, J.P.
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor E. HUTCHINSON.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor F. DICKINSON.

Alderman E. WHALLEY, J.P.

Alderman M. CARROLL.

Councillor F. BAXANDALL.

Councillor W. SMITH (E), J.P.

Councillor J. PROCTER.

Councillor O. SMITH.

Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Alderman E. MIDDLETON, J.P.
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. PROCTER.

Members of the Health Committee, together with four Co-opted
Members

LADY HAGGAS, J.P.

Mrs. H. S. CLOUGH

Mrs. J. GROVES

Mrs. E. WHALLEY

Co-opted Members.

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Alderman E. MIDDLETON, J.P.
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

Councillor E. HUTCHINSON.

Lady HAGGAS, J.P.

Mrs. H. S. CLOUGH.

Mrs. J. GROVES.

Mrs. E. WHALLEY.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

H. MAINWARING HOLT, Esq., T.D., M.B., B.S., (Lond.),
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds).

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School
Medical Officer :

Miss ISABEL MARGARET MARSHALL, M.B., Ch.B.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Medical Officer for
Maternity and Child Welfare :

Mrs. FLORENCE MURIEL LOUISE HOLT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant :

Mrs. R. H. B. ADAMSON, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

Mr. THOMAS LINDSAY, M.S.I.A.†‡§¶

Director of Cleansing :

Mr. C. ROBINSON, M.Inst.P.C.

District Sanitary Inspectors :

Mr. BAILEY THORNTON, M.S.I.A.*†

Mr. WILLIAM ASA BAILEY, M.S.I.A.*†

Mr. BERT CLEAR, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.*†§ +

Mr. ARTHUR HOWARD, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I., A.I.S.E. †‡§ +

Mr. JOHN WILSON, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.†‡§

(serving with H.M. Forces).

Health Visitors :

Miss D. S. McCONVILLE.

Miss M. SHIPLEY (Part-time).

Miss I. FELL (Part-time).

Miss C. JONES.

Miss H. A. S. JOHNSTONE (Appointed 1/2/44).

Scabies Nurse :

Mrs. E. YATES (Resigned 30/4/44).

Mrs. H. ROE (Appointed 1/5/44).

Chief Clerk :

Mr. KENNETH WEATHERHEAD.

Died 23/12/44).

Clerks :

Miss L. MARY TERRY.
 Mrs. MARIE MITCHELL (née DAVY).
 Mr. J. R. SUNDERLAND.
 Mr. ALLAN CROWTHER (Serving with H.M. Forces).
 Miss MARY COTTERILL (Part-time). (Serving with H.M. Forces).
 Miss MURIEL LEIGHTON (Serving with H.M. Forces).
 Miss BETTIE GORDON.
 Mrs. E. HOOLEY (Resigned 31/1/44).
 Miss MURIEL McDOWELL.
 Miss JEAN E. DAVY.
 Miss M. C. RHODES (Appointed 10/1/44).
 Miss EVELYN HOPKINSON (Resigned 30/11/44).
 Mrs. M. BROWN (Part-time. Appointed 8/11/44 ; Resigned 24/11/44)
 Miss MARGARET J. TEBB (Appointed 4/12/44).
 Mrs. M. A. SMITH (Part-time). Appointed 11/12/44).

*Certificate of the R.San.I. for Sanitary Inspectors.

†Certificate of the R.San.I. and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

‡Certificate of the R.San.I. for Meat and Other Foods Inspection.

§Certificate of the R.San.I. for Smoke Inspectors.

¶Certificate of Liverpool University for Sanitary Science.

+ Certificate of City and Guilds London Institute for Boiler House Practice.

Staff at "Woodbine" Day Nursery.

Matron :

Miss H. EMPEY.

Sister :

Miss V. BRIDGES (Resigned 30/9/44).

Miss A. V. C. SCOTT (Appointed 6/10/44).

Staff Nurse :

Miss J. M. CLARKSON.

Three Nursery Assistants and Three Probationers.

Cook.

Housemaid.

Handyman.

Staff at Victoria Park Day Nursery.

Matron :

Mrs. K. WATERHOUSE.

Deputy Matron :

Miss F. GREENSMITH.

Three Nursery Assistants and Two Probationers. Cook. Caretaker.

Staff at Strong Close Day Nursery.

Matron :

Miss J. SLINGSBY.

Deputy Matron :

Miss M. SENIOR.

Two Nursery Assistants and Four Probationers. Cook. Caretaker.

BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my fifteenth Annual Report on the work of the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1944.

As soon as circumstances permit the Local Authority must regard the problem of Housing as one of first priority. Recommendations relating to persons housed under insanitary conditions continue to accumulate and the position has thereby deteriorated since the publication of my last Annual Report.

Attention may be drawn to the new Ambulance arrangements whereby the Local Authority decided to assume responsibility for the removal of street accidents and corpses only : on the other hand arrangements for mutual assistance exist as between the Local Authority and the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital Ambulance Services.

The area has been remarkably free of Infectious Disease and the incidence of Scabies has fallen. The administrative arrangements for the control of this latter condition have been strictly enforced : only in this way can any improvement be maintained.

In common with other Departments much extra work and responsibility have been thrown on to the staff as a result of the War. In spite of this the Health and Welfare of the area have been well maintained, but it would not be out of place to state that relief is eagerly awaited in order to pursue normal peace time developments so long postponed.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

H. M. HOLT,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Lowfield House,
Town Hall Square,
Keighley.

BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.

A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The population according to the Registrar's Estimate for 1944 is 52,860.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 18,402. The rateable value is £371,799, and the sum represented by a Penny Rate gross, £1,435.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

The average number of persons registered as unemployed during the year was 65, and in Haworth 3, as compared with 69 and 2 respectively for the year 1943.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births. The total number of births registered was 980, 25 of these being still-births. The Birth Rate is 18.54.

Deaths. The Deaths registered for the year are 708. The Death Rate is 13.39.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

There were 2 fatal road accidents during the year.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of infants dying under one year of age is 41. The Infant Mortality Rate is 41.84 per 1,000 births registered.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The number of women dying directly as a result of child-birth is 4. The Maternal Mortality Rate is 4.08.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

The natural increase or decrease per 1,000 of the population is plus 5.15.

Poor Relief administered amounted to £5,903 1s. 5d.

B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

1.—HOSPITALS PROVIDED.

The Hospital Services remain the same.

Fever Hospitals.—The following cases were admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital at Morton Banks.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	94
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	31
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	3
Malaria	...	...	...	...	1
Mumps	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	3
German Measles	...	...	...	...	1

Total 140

Smallpox Hospitals.—Accommodation is the same.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria.—Facilities remain the same.

Maternity Hospitals.—The number of confinements in the County Hospital was 386.

Children's Hospitals.—Facilities are the same.

2.—AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

During the year negotiations took place between Keighley Corporation and the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital as a result of which it was decided to dissolve the arrangements previously agreed as between these two bodies, the Corporation to remain responsible for the provision and administration of an Ambulance Service in connection with street accident cases only : these new arrangements to operate as from the 1st November, 1944.

The Corporation Ambulance is stationed at the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital and it is agreed that in the event of their ambulance not being available for use, the Corporation have the first call on the hospital ambulance for street accident cases at the rate of 2/- per mile.

3.—CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

School Clinics.—See Annual Report of School Medical Officer.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.—Details of these services are the same.

Orthopædic Clinic, Ophthalmic Clinic and Ultra Violet Clinic.—See Annual Report for 1938.

Dental Clinic.—No important change has been made in the services available.

Scabies Clinic.—Special facilities are in operation for the treatment of Scabies ; during the year 478 cases were treated ; a table of the results of treatment is included in this Report.

Details of Dental Treatment of Maternity and Child Welfare Patients.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	22

Dental Treatment of Toddlers.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Clinics. See Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

Home Helps.—During the year the services of the one whole-time Home Help were dispensed with and a scheme developed whereby three women of satisfactory type were engaged as Home Helps at a wage of £3 a week each, whilst actually employed, and 15/- a week each retaining fee. Experience indicates that this class of work is not keenly sought after and the maintenance of a panel of Home Helps has proved difficult.

Domestic Helps.—Steps were taken to launch a scheme for the provision of Domestic Help.

Ante and Post-Natal Consultant.—3 cases attended the consultant in Leeds during 1944.

Mothercraft Classes.—The average attendance was 31.

4 and 5.—PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIVES.

Details of these services are the same.

6.—INSTITUTIONAL MIDWIFERY.

Facilities are the same.

Table of Results of Treatment for Scabies in the Borough during 1944.

Method of Treatment.	No. of Individual Cases Treated.	No. of Contacts Treated.	No. of Cases Cured.	No. under observation, 31.12.44	No. Re-infected.		No. requiring more than one course of Treatment.	Left the District.	Evacuees.	No. of failures with B.B. Cream
					Contacts not Treated.	Fresh exposure to infection.				
Proscabin	34 Men	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	108 Women	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
B.B. Cream	34 Infants	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Proscabin	302 School Children	32	301	10	5	30	10	1	34	0
	478	32	475	10	5	30	10	1	37	0

7.—LABORATORY WORK.

374 specimens from Hospitals and general practitioners and 292 from the Public Health Department have been submitted to the West Riding County Council for bacteriological examination.

195 samples of water have been submitted by the Waterworks Engineer for bacteriological examination.

RAINFALL.

The total annual rainfall as measured in the gauge situated at the Public Abattoir is as follows :

January	...	...	...	...	5.25 inches
February	...	...	...	...	1.61 „
March	...	...	...	...	0.48 „
April	...	...	...	...	3.07 „
May	...	...	...	...	2.21 „
June	...	...	...	...	2.71 „
July	...	...	...	...	2.90 „
August	...	...	...	...	2.78 „
September	...	...	...	...	5.56 „
October	...	...	...	...	4.06 „
November	...	...	...	...	6.38 „
December	...	...	...	...	4.95 „

Total 41.96 „

8.—PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

See front page.

9.—SCHOOLS.

See separate report on School Medical Services.

C.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1.—NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

205 visits of investigation were paid and 195 for the purpose of disinfection.

No cases of Smallpox were notified.

(a) **Measles.**—The number of cases notified was 15. No deaths were registered.

(b) **Whooping Cough.**—The number of cases notified was 82. There were no deaths.

(c) **Scarlet Fever.**—The number of cases notified was 99. No deaths were registered. 94.9% of the notified cases were removed to hospital.

(d) **Diphtheria.**—The number of cases notified was 31, all of which were removed to Hospital. No deaths occurred.

(e) **Cerebro-Spinal Fever.**—2 cases were notified, 1 of which was removed to Hospital. The deaths registered numbered 3.

(f) **Para-Typhoid Fever.**—No cases were notified.

(g) **Zymotic Enteritis (Summer Diarrhœa).**—No cases came to the notice of the Department.

(h) **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**—No cases were brought to the notice of the Department.

(i) **Puerperal Pyrexia.**—2 cases were notified. There were no deaths.

(j) **Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia.**—16 cases were notified. The deaths registered numbered 29.

(k) **Tuberculosis.**—27 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, Non-Pulmonary cases notified being 4. 19 Pulmonary and 2 Non-Pulmonary deaths were registered.

(l) **Influenza.**—There were 2 deaths certified from this disease.

(m) **Erysipelas.**—The number of cases notified was 11. There was 1 death.

(n) **Dysentery.**—The number of cases notified was 1. There were no deaths.

(o) **Malaria (contracted abroad).**—1 case was notified.

2.—CANCER—MALIGNANT DISEASE.

The number of deaths registered was 101. The number of cancer patients admitted from Keighley Victoria Hospital to the Radium Therapy Department of the Bradford Royal Infirmary totalled 44 and the total number of days' stay amounted to 495. Similar arrangements exist for treatment as shown previously.

D.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

1.—ADMINISTRATION.

The clinic facilities are the same as shown in last year's report.

Notification of Births.

Number occurring during the year, 980. Of these 30 were illegitimate and 25 were still-births. 402 of these occurred in maternity homes or institutions.

2.—SUMMARY OF VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS.

The total number of visits was 15,556.

Welfare Centres.

The days and times of the clinic sessions remain the same. Total number on registers at end of year :—

Babies	...	...	...	...	...	1675
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	885
Post-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	74
Toddlers	...	...	...	...	...	178

The following summary shows the work done :—

	Baby Attendances	Baby Weigh'gs.	A.N. Mothers.	P.N. Mothers.	Toddlers.
Victoria Park	4963	4760	1084	40	252
Westgate {	(Th.) 2545	2464	1506	4	112
	(Fri.) 2377	2356			
Haworth	... 2211	2190	458	1	—
Morton	... 1332	1320	—	—	—
Oakworth	... 925	909	122	2	—

The number of infant consultations held by the medical officers in charge of the various centres was 7,277. The total number of Toddlers on the registers shows a slight increase.

50 children were treated by artificial sunlight. Minor ailments treated were 35 and orthopædic cases treated were 48.

The number of mothers referred from the Ante-Natal Clinics for dental treatment was 22. The number of cases referred from Toddlers' Clinics for dental treatment was 8.

The Postural Clinic continues on similar lines. Details of Maternity and Child Welfare cases examined by the Visiting Orthopædic Surgeon are given below.

Defect			Number of Patients	Attendances	For Hospital	For Appliances	For Remedial Exercises	For Observation	Discharged
Old Cases :—									
Talipes varus	...	...	1	2	—	—	2	2	—
Erb's paralysis	...	...	2	4	—	—	4	4	—
Hemiplegia	...	...	2	2	—	—	—	2	—
Total	...	...	5	8	—	—	6	8	—
New Cases :—									
Little's Disease	...	...	2	4	1	—	3	3	—
Torticollis	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
Congenital dislocation of hip			1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Scoliosis	...	...	1	2	—	—	2	2	—
Right Talipes equino varus			1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Total	...	...	6	9	2	—	6	7	—

Infant Life Protection.

4 cases came to notice during the year. 6 cases were already under supervision from the previous year. 40 visits were made.

Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939.

- (a) Total number of persons who gave notice under Section 7(3) during the year ... 4
- (b) Total number of children in respect of whom notice was given under Section 7(3) during the year ... 9

(c) Number of children :—

(i) Under supervision at the end of the year ...	...	9
(ii) Who died during the year ...	...	—
(iii) On whom inquests were held during the year ...	...	—

(d) Particulars of any proceedings taken during the year ... —

3.—MILK DISTRIBUTION.

The cost of dried milk distribution through the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics was £1,520, the whole of this being recovered free of rate aid.

4.—WAR-TIME DAY NURSERIES.

			No. of days Nursery open during year	Average daily attendances	
				0—2 years	2—5 years
“Woodbine”	...	...	297	18	18
Victoria Park	...	...	297	16	15
Strong Close	...	...	297	16	8

5.—KEIGHLEY INFANTS’ AID SOCIETY.

This Society still continues to readily co-operate with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, even though working under considerable handicaps.

F.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

The Borough Waterworks Undertaking is described in the Annual Report for 1938.

The Water Engineer has kindly supplied the following information :—

Average daily consumption of water per head of population within the Borough for the year 1944 for all purposes—38.52 gallons per day : for domestic and unmeasured purposes 24.76 gallons per day.

195 samples of water have been bacteriologically examined and the quality of the filtered and treated water has been satisfactory. There were 16 chemical examinations.

Close co-operation between the two Departments continues in the matter of water supplies.

There are still numerous private water supplies, particularly in connection with farm premises, which have been frequently sampled in the past and users advised as to necessary precautions where the index of pollution indicated this as desirable. Such premises are outside the present economic possibility of having a suitable alternative wholesome supply laid on from the town's mains.

During the year four such samples were taken, which were found to be satisfactory.

Extension of town's supply to outlying districts such as Goose Eye, Stanbury and Upper Marsh, Oxenhope, where comparatively small groups of dwellings are served by private supplies, still stands deferred until after the War due to the shortage of man-power and material and the veto by the Ministry of Health on such works.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There has been no evidence of river or stream pollution brought to the attention of the Department during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no privately owned swimming pools in the district, but the Corporation own two swimming baths of the first and second class types, which are described in the 1938 Report.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The five sewage disposal works are fully described in the Annual Report for 1938.

No extension to the sewerage of the district has been carried out during the year.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND REFUSE ACCOMMODATION.

No of Water Closets in premises, including houses	18,341
No of Waste Water	do. do. ... 2,205
*No of pail or tub closets	do. do. ... 65
No of privies (at farms where no sewer and/or water supply is reasonably available)	... 204

*Not including Air-Raid Shelters.

125 inspections were made regarding sanitary and refuse accommodation in connection with which the following improvements were effected :—

12 privies reconstructed as W.C's and 2 privies otherwise reconstructed, 7 privies abolished.

36 closets, other than privies, reconstructed as W.C's.

59 additional W.C's. and 2 other types provided.

155 W.C's repaired or renewed.

452 premises were provided with regulation dust-bins in lieu of unsatisfactory refuse receptacles.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Total number of premises dealt with	...	...	3,620
Total inspections for nuisances—Dwellings	...	...	1,286
	Others	...	936
Total nuisances found	...	...	789
Number abated	...	...	803
Inspections and re-visits for other Statutory Purposes—Inspections	...	...	5,377
	—Re-visits	...	2,951
Number of Sanitary Improvements effected at premises controlled by Public Health and other Legislation	...	...	1,718
Number of interviews	...	...	2,227

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH.

	Notices Served.		Notices Complied with (including matters brought forward from 1943).	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
Public Health Acts	300	53	292	53
Housing Acts	7	—	5	1
Factories Act	9	—	15	—
Milk and Dairies Order	2	—	1	—
Food and Drugs Act	—	—	2	—
Shops Act	—	—	1	—
Rats and Mice (Destr.) Act	102	78	66	90
Keighley Corporation Acts	—	—	1	—

HOUSING.

1.—GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a)	Total Number of Houses in Borough	...	...	18,402*
(b)	Number of working-class houses included in above			16,470
(c)	Number of new houses built in 1944	...	...	Nil

* 6 of these are as a result of buildings originally constructed as 1 dwelling, now converted to 2 or more.

2.—OVERCROWDING.

The circumstances described in the 1941 Report have naturally progressed to a more chaotic state and no relief is anticipated from this until the Government authorise Re-housing Schemes which are, of course, under current consideration.

16 recommendations to the Housing Committee were made on the grounds of technical overcrowding following 97 investigations. Two occupiers were required to abate overcrowding where circumstances indicated that such overcrowding was avoidable. One licence has been issued for temporary overcrowding due to abnormal circumstances.

Since the operation of the Act only 4,428 houses have been supplied with the "permitted number" by the Department.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two in the Borough, solely used by men, and they are well maintained. 14 inspections were made.

As a result of Ministry of Health advice re the danger of Louse-borne Typhus Fever such premises are inspected to determine from the evidence available the number of inmates who are actually carrying lice on their persons. An examination of the bedding reveals this state of affairs. By arrangement with the Keeper the men are as soon as practicable transported to the Disinfestation Station for appropriate treatment to their bodies, clothing and other effects.

Inspection of Factories.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with Mechanical Power	126	2	—
Factories without Mechanical Power	254	7	—
Other Premises under the Act	161	—	—
	541	9	—

Defects found in Factories.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	6	4	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ...	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient	—	2	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ...	3	95	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	—	—	1	—
Total ..	9	101	1	—

SITES FOR MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

6 sites for movable dwellings were licensed subject to the sanitary conditions being brought up to the standard specified in the licences. The sites accommodate a maximum total of 21 dwellings : of this total 4 dwellings are the subject of individual licences.

OUTWORKERS.

Lists were submitted by 3 employers, showing the employment of 3 persons. In each case the premises were visited and found to be satisfactory.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

Routine smoke observations have not been resumed owing to the recent rescinding by the Ministry of Home Security of their original request to produce black smoke with a view to national defence against air raids. This has coincided with the rationing of industrial fuel and the use of low-grade fuels which made a practice of successful smoke abatement impossible.

Soot Deposit Gauges. 12 monthly deposits collected in gauges situate at the Public Baths and Morton Cemetery are as follows :
192 tons per square mile and 125 tons per square mile respectively.

FOOD INSPECTION AND THE SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.

348 inspections were made of Food Premises.

The precautions outlined in the 1941 report are still being brought to the attention of food traders and their personnel generally.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 71 bakehouses in the district of which 7 are basement bakehouses licensed under the Factories Act, 1937.

MEAT SUPPLY.

The circumstances are still the same as reported in the 1941 Report re private slaughterhouses and centralised slaughtering.

A 100% system of meat inspection is in force, and for the purpose of this system the Inspectors were on duty at the Public Abattoir on 640 occasions and 23 special slaughtering visits were paid to farm premises for occasional licensed slaughter of pigs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The undermentioned samples were submitted to the Public Analyst :—

Samples taken		No. Adulterated or Doubtful.
Milks (formal) ...	96	...
Milks (informal) ...	1	...
Other Foods ...	73	...
(formal or informal)		33

Adulterated Samples, etc.

Article.	Whether Formal or Informal.	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity.	Observations.
Gin.	Formal.	Contained 11% excess water.	Fined £1.
Rum.	do.	Contained 11.17% excess water.	do.
Whisky.	do.	Contained 8.26% excess water.	do.
Milk.	do.	Contained 5.17% added water and only 91.3% minimum amount fat required.	Slight amount of presumed added water subject of warning letter to producer. Copy sent to Bradford City Public Health Department in whose area the milk is consumed.
do.	do.	Fat 3.45% Other solids 8.11% Fat 3.80% Other solids 8.34% Fat 3.10% Other solids 8.14%.	
do.	do.	Contained 30% added water.	
do.	do.	Contained 30% added water.	
do.	do.	Contained 29.6% added water.	
do.	do.	Contained 30% added water.	
do.	do.	Contained only 89.3% minimum amount of fat required.	Fined £20.
do.	do.	Contained only 76.0% minimum amount of fat required.	4 deficient samples out of 10 representing the output of 2 producers. No formal action taken. For practical purposes all samples considered genuine because average fat content of the 10 samples exceeded 3%. Letters of warning to producers are disproportionate mixing.
do.	do.	Contained only 93.3% minimum amount of fat required.	
do.	do.	Contained only 75.3% minimum amount of fat required.	
Onion substitute	Informal.	Consisted only of flour with no smell or taste of onion. Words on wrapper incorrect.	Residue of old stock. Commodity removed from the market.
Milk.	Formal.	Contained only 95.7% minimum amount of fat.	
do.	do.	Contained only 90.7% minimum amount of fat.	These small deficiencies were found to be due to failure to plunge the milk after standing overnight before delivery to consumer.
do.	do.	Contained only 97.3% minimum amount of fat.	
Five Baking Powders.	Informal.	Deficient in gas.	Samples submitted by wholesaler for purposes of advice. Stock withdrawn from market.
3 Creamola Custard Puddings.	do.	Contained mites and mould and smelt very unpleasant.	
do.	do.	do.	
2 Creamola Baked Sponge Pudding Mixture.	do.	do.	
1 Creamola Pudding.	Informal.	do.	
Creamola Steamed Pudding, unsweetened.	do.	do.	
Scotch Oatcake	do.	Was very rancid	Samples submitted to Analyst for confirmatory opinion as to degrees of unsoundness. No evidence adduced as to intention for sale for human consumption. All goods surrendered to Local Authority for destruction or animal feeding. Infested premises treated to disinfection from food pests.
Liver Salt	do.	Was wet and had no effervescence	
"Barlova" Chocolate Flavour.	do.	Was stale and set solid	
"Barlova" Malted Milk.	do.	Was quite rancid	
Mince-meat	do.	Dry, decomposed, contained weevils and not fit to eat.	Action taken by Ministry of Food under Infestation Order, 1943, and Waste of Food Order S.R. & O. 1424 on the grounds that the intense infestation by Pinus Tectus and Cryptophagus of certain foods should have been reported under Infestation Order.
Jam.	do.	Dried up and sugar crystallised out. Not satisfactory.	Long continued neglect to do so had enabled these pests to infest other food stuffs and thereby cause waste of food. Case dismissed on grounds that the waste of food did not come under the legal definition of that word.
Sweet Biscuits.	do.	Rancid. Coconut oil was present. Unfit to eat.	
Shelled Walnuts.	do.	Infested with weevils Unfit to eat.	
Candied Peel.	do.	Mouldy. Unfit to eat	
Custard Powder.	do.	Infested with mites. Consisted of wheat flour instead of prepared starch.	
Cheese Filled Biscuits.	do.	Very unpleasant. Very deteriorated.	
Jelly Shorties.	do.	Were stale and very rancid.	
Glacé Cherries.	do.	Were fermented and tasted very unpleasant.	
"Kola-Cocoa."	do.	Had lost any odour or taste due to prolonged exposure. Colour also was affected. Not in fit condition for use	
Milk.	Formal.	Adulterated. Contained only 8.0% solids not fat indicating addition of 5.8% water.	Case dismissed. Defendant proved that the originator of the offence was the producer. Costs of £2/6/0 awarded against the producer.
Milk.	do.	Adulterated. Contained only 8.10% solids not fat indicating addition of 4.7% water.	Fined £1.
Malt Chocolate Spread.	Informal.	Doubtful-very slightly rancid flavour.	No action taken. Rancid flavour not sufficient to render it unfit for consumption.
Pork Sausage Meat.	Formal.	Adulterated. Contained no soya, should contain not less than 4½% low fat soya.	Reported to Executive Officer, Ministry of Food, with a view to prosecution under Defence Regulation 55. No action taken by that Authority.
Pork Sausage.	do.	Adulterated. Contained no soya, should contain not less than 4½% low fat soya.	
Milk.	Formal.	Adulterated. Contained 9.8% added water.	
Milk.	do.	Adulterated. Contained 8.2% added water.	Fined £6.
Milk.	do.	Adulterated. Contained only 93.3% of minimum amount of fat required.	No action taken. Same producer as two above samples.



Summary of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected at the Public Abattoir.

	Cattle (Exclud- ing Cows)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Animals killed and inspected	2106	1048	1284	8199	196
All Diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	2	20	13	28	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	228	259	27	1183	29
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	10.92	26.62	3.12	14.77	18.37
Tuberculosis Only.					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	10	141	4	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	314	461	2	—	8
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	15.38	57.44	0.47	—	4.08

Number of Animals Killed and Weight in lbs. of Unsound Meat Surrendered.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole Carcases.		Part Carcases.		Offal.		Total.	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows	1048	72406	10147	3207	1374	13152	9866	88765	21387
Other Cattle	2106	5007	432	1062	133	7988	4524	14057	5089
Sheep	8199	—	1269	—	16	—	1738	—	3023
Pigs	196	—	1152	—	82	172	65	172	1299
Calves	1284	693	770	13	18	49	156	755	944
Totals	12833	78106	13770	4282	1623	21361	16349	103749	31742

The total weight condemned therefore was 60 tons 9 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 stone, 13 lbs.

The total weight of other foodstuffs condemned was 3 tons 8 cwts. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

MILK SUPPLY.

Production. In the Borough are 260 cowkeepers at 265 milk farms housing approximately 3,525 cows in a total of 406 cowsheds. 51 of these farms are licensed by the West Riding County Council to produce "Accredited" milk and 11 to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

Purveying. There are 224 wholesale traders (114 of these also retailing) and 180 retailing only (the latter including 132 shops registered for the sale of bottled milk). One shop-keeper is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested (Certified)" milk, produced and bottled in the Skipton Rural District. One licence to pasteurise bulk milk was extended for the year, and the holder of this licence retails pasteurised milk at 21 shops in the district.

573 visits to cowsheds and 292 visits to dairy premises were made.

MILK SAMPLING.

(a) To ascertain Cleanliness.

No. obtained and sent to County Laboratory for Examination.	Grade of Milk.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
29	Tuberculin Tested	26	3
207	Accredited	167	40
71	Pasteurised	61	10
148	Ordinary	102	46
—		—	—
Total 455		356	99
—		—	—
		or 78.24%*	or 21.76%†

*Comprises 344 produced in Keighley and 12 elsewhere.

†Comprises 95 produced in Keighley and 4 elsewhere.

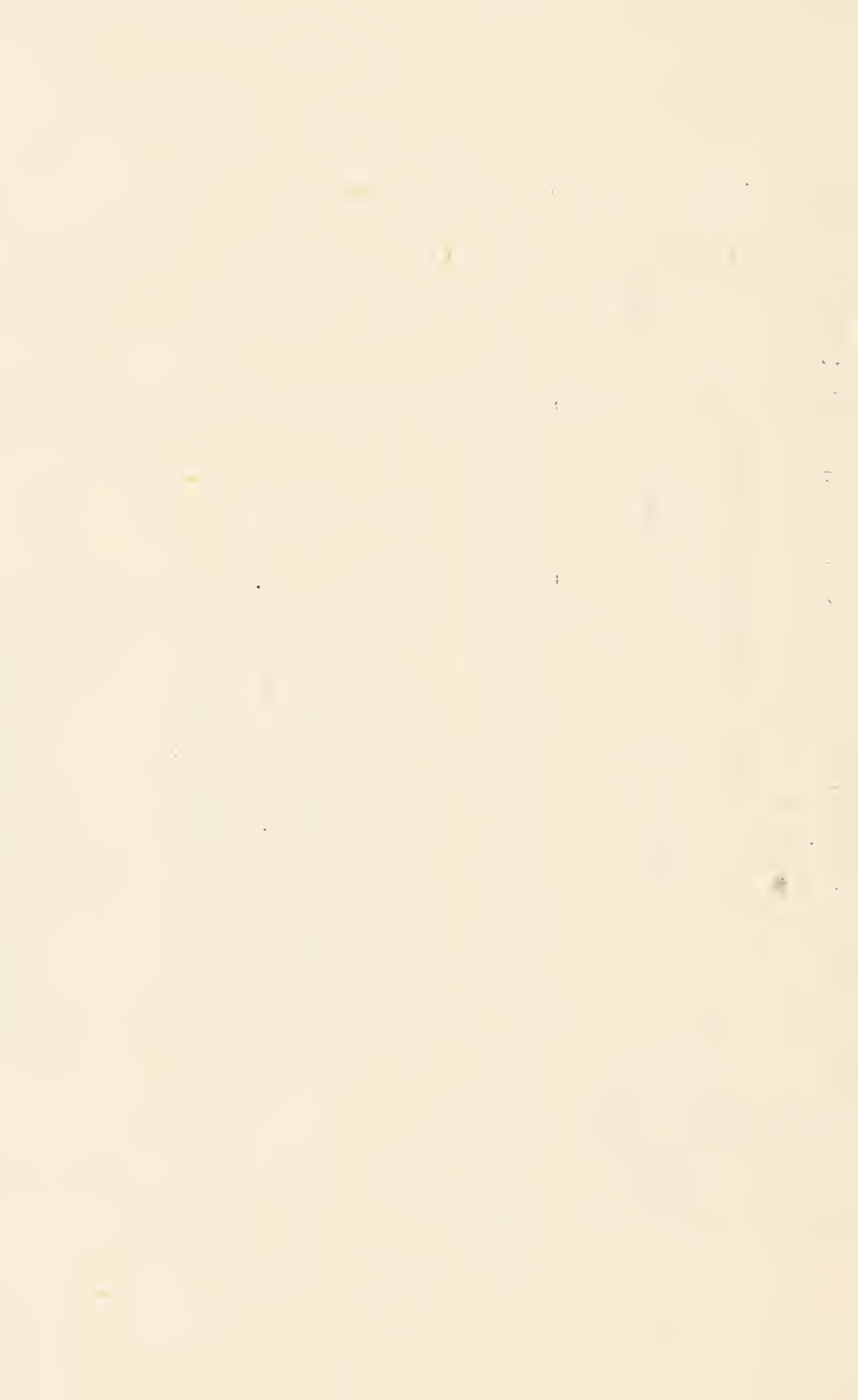
(b) For Presence of Tubercle Bacillus.

Of the above samples 35 were examined by the County Laboratory for presence of T.B.: 2 of these were notified as tuberculous. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council took appropriate action which resulted in the affected animals being slaughtered.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following proceedings arose out of action taken during the year :

Acts, Orders or Regulations under which proceedings were taken.	Remarks.	Result.	Fines.
Food & Drugs Act, 1938. (Sec. 3).	Retailing Gin containing 11% excess water.	Conviction.	£1
do.	Retailing Rum containing 11.17% excess water.	do.	do.
do.	Retailing Whisky containing 8.26% excess water.	do.	do.
Food & Drugs Act, 1938. (Sec. 3).	Retailing Milk containing 30% added water.	}	£20
do.	do.		
do.	Retailing Milk containing 29.6% added water.		
do.	Retailing Milk containing 30% added water.	do.	£20
Public Health Act, 1936. (Sec. 288).	Tenant obstructed Local Authority's Officer in carrying out disinfection under Sec. 83 of the Public Health Act, 1936.	Case withdrawn on payment of costs.	
Public Health Act, 1936. (Sec. 85.)	Application for an order for compulsory removal of verminous person to a cleansing station and his detention therein for a period of 3 weeks.	Order granted	—
Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.	Failing to take steps to destroy rats on premises.	Withdrawn on defendant's undertaking to authorise the Corporation to carry out all necessary works at a cost of £200.	
Food & Drugs Act, 1938. (Sec. 3.)	Retailing Milk containing 5.8% added water.	}	£6
do.	Retailing Milk containing 4.7% added water.		
do.	Retailing Milk containing 9.8% added water.		
Food & Drugs Act, 1938. (Sec. 3).	Retailing Milk containing 8.2% added water.	do.	do.
Housing Act, 1936. (Sec. 10).	Recovery of £19/19/6 in respect of expense incurred in rendering a house fit for habitation under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936.	—	Order made for payment within 14 days. (County Court)
Public Health Act, 1936. (Sec. 83).	Recovery of £15/15/0 in respect of expenses incurred in disinfection of dwelling house under Section 83 of the Public Health Act, 1936, occupied by defendant.	—	Order made for deferred payments. (County Court).
do.	Recovery of £7/10/0 in respect of expenses incurred in disinfection of dwelling house under Section 83 of the Public Health Act, 1936, occupied by defendant.	—	do.



REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

245 premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for either the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice cream or the preparation or manufacture of sausage, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.

3 transfers of occupiers and 1 transfer of premises were made.

Applications for the registration of 9 unsatisfactory premises are still in abeyance until the premises are made to comply with the provisions of the Act. Extensive alterations in these cases are not practicable until after the war.

4 premises are registered under Section 34 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for wholesale dealing in margarine and margarine-cheese.

1 shop is registered for the sale and storage of artificial cream under Section 28 of the Act.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in Borough, 13, comprising 5 Tanners and Leather Dressers, 1 Tripe Boiler, 1 Bone Boiler and Fat Refiner, 2 Tripe Boilers and Gut Scrapers, 1 Fat Refiner and 3 Rag and Bone Dealers. The 59 Fish Friers, whose trade at the moment is not regarded as offensive, are now all registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Number of Inspections made—102.

REPRESSION OF VERMIN.

Rodent Control under Direction of Ministry of Food.

The following tables give the administrative and operative action taken under the above direction.

Two whole-time Rat Catchers were appointed for this purpose on the 10/1/44, one of whom resigned on the 16/9/44 and has not been replaced.

Administrative Work.

(1) No. of visits to groups of premises	...	...	...	811
(2) No. of Informal Notices served re alleged infestation or obstruction	...	...	...	136
(3) No. of Contracts signed	...	...	...	81
(4) No. of Contracts rescinded	...	...	...	2
(5) No. of Formal Notices served re Rat Destruction or Rat Proofing	...	...	...	100
(6) No. of Formal Notices complied with by Local Authority in default	...	...	...	94

Work of Rat Catchers.

(a) Private Premises.

(1) No. of premises treated	...	...	...	203
(2) Weight of Prebaits	...	...	...	706 lbs. 13 ozs.
(3) Weight of Poison Baits (following (2))	...	...	...	180 lbs. 4 ozs.
(4) Weight of Post Baits	...	...	...	250 lbs. 12 ozs.
(5) Weight of Poison Baits (following (4))	...	...	...	45 lbs. 12 ozs.
(6) No. of Rats destroyed	...	...	...	4,128

(b) Corporation Sewers.

(1) No. of manholes baited	...	...	...	...	104
(2) Weight of Prebaits	...	...	...	...	100 lbs.
(3) Weight of Poison Baits (following (2))	...	...	...	...	10 lbs.
(4) No. of Rats destroyed	...	...	...	...	205
Total Baits	...	...	...	...	10,303
Total Rats destroyed	...	...	...	...	4,333

Verminous Houses and Household Effects.

The facilities for disinfestation prior to removal to Corporation houses, as described in the 1938 Report, are still available.

361 inspections were made of 156 alleged verminous premises, following which liquid and gaseous vermicide treatment has been carried out in 28 instances by a private contractor.

In addition to this formal action, other informal action in the form of advice has resulted in numerous other premises being treated by owners and occupiers to repress vermin.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector is the Council's Inspector under these Acts and senior officers of the Police act as officers of Local Authority for the purpose of granting licences and other administrative duties. A summary of action taken by all officers, including the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, is as follows.

Anthrax Order, 1938.

In 1944 there were 6 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

67 Form "A" Notices were served. Of these 3 were withdrawn and 64 animals were slaughtered.

Swine Fever Order, 1938.

There were 4 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed by the Ministry.

Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1922.

1 Form "A" Licence was issued affecting the movement of 4 fat pigs for slaughter.

Sheep Scab Order, 1938.

There was one confirmed outbreak. The prescribed notices were served in connection therewith. Action under the Sheep Scab Order, 1938, has resulted in double dipping of contact sheep at various premises in the Borough—a total of 89 sheep being so dipped.

Precautionary double dipping was also required in respect of 108 contacts with a confirmed outbreak in the adjoining district of Halifax.

Foot and Mouth Disease Order, 1938.

There was one confirmed outbreak in the Borough. Movement and occupation licences were issued in respect of this outbreak.

One further suspected outbreak was not confirmed.

Local pig keepers were informed through the press and by individual notices of the urgent necessity of complying with the Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animal Foodstuffs) Orders and Foot and Mouth Disease (Packing Materials) Orders.

RAG FLOCKS ACT, 1911 to 1928.

FABRICS (MISDESCRIPTION) ACT, 1913.

No action found necessary.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

3 unsatisfactory conditions under the Shops Acts were remedied relating to sanitary accommodation.

G.—CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The following table gives the classified loads from each district during the year.

District	House Refuse		Trade Refuse		Night Soil No. of Pails	Abat- toir Refuse	Mis- cella- neous
	Team	Motor	Team	Motor			
Keighley Old Boro'	467	4007	3	311	7052	158	655
Riddlesden & Morton	—	407	—	52	684	—	—
Oxenhope	569	—	—	—	3594	—	21
Haworth	—	447	—	52	1652	—	—
Newsholme	—	3	—	—	1918	—	—
Oakworth—Contract	644	156	—	—	1506	—	—
Stanbury	—	83	—	—	5687	—	—
Total	1680	5103	3	415	22093	158	676

The Cleansing Department is responsible only for the collection and disposal of House Refuse ; Street and Gully Cleaning, Snow Removal and Street Gritting being under the supervision of the Borough Engineer.

The work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner despite the hardship caused by the scarcity of labour and the ever increasing efforts for the collection of more salvage, although at times collections have been very much overdue, thereby causing minor complaints to be received.

The disposal of refuse is on the controlled system of Tipping. There are Six Tips throughout the District : Marley 1 (Main Tip); Oakworth 2 (Bogthorn and Cemetery); Oxenhope 1; Stanbury 1 and Oldfield 1. These have not, I am sorry to say, been kept up to standard during the last few years of war, owing to the shortage of labour and satisfactory men employed for the purpose.

The whole of the work except Oakworth is carried out by direct labour, and this district is done by Contract, but a special weekly collection is made by our own wagons for Salvage, which I am pleased to report, is very satisfactory.

Salvage.

The following table gives the figures for the year under review in the Salvage section.

	T.	C.	Q.		£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	332	12	1	...	2127	10	4
Scrap Metal	17	4	1	...	32	7	0
Baled Scrap	44	10	0	...	71	10	0
Non-Ferrous Metals	1	2	3	...	23	19	9
Textiles	5	17	0	...	78	0	4
Jars and Bottles	2	7	2	...	13	16	2
Kitchen Waste	313	1	0	...	488	18	7
Bones	12	0	0	...	55	5	0
Total	728	14	3		£2891	7	2

Approximately 133 tons of Metals have been sold by other Departments which realized £553, bringing the total Salvage to £3,444.

Kitchen Waste.

423 Bins are placed throughout the Borough and it must be admitted generally that people make good use of them, as will be seen from the foregoing figures

Bones.

The result of this collection is most disappointing, although a good portion of meat sold by the Butchers is boneless.

Thanks are due to the staff for the energetic way in which they have carried out their duties.

TOTALS AT MARCH 31st, 1945.

Gross Expenditure	—	—	£16,054
Gross Income	—	—	£6,484
Net Expenditure	—	—	£9,570
Net cost for 1,000 population	—		£170 17 10
Net cost per head of population per annum	—3s. 5d.		
Net cost per head of population per week	— 8d.		

Amount paid in wages and Salaries (including Superannuation and Insurance) — £9,258/11/9.

Average No. of workmen per week (excluding contracts) 42.

Total number of Motor Vehicles — 14.

Total number of Horses kept (excluding contracts) — 2.

No. of Contracts (Oakworth) — 1.

Loads of Materials dealt with (all kinds) — 8,081.

Number of Nightsoil tubs emptied — 21,770.

Average number of loads collected per day (300 days) — 27.

Weight of Refuse collected (estimated 25 cwt. per load) — 10,101 tons.

Weight of Refuse collected per day (300 days) — 34 tons.

Weight of Refuse per 1,000 of population per year — 180 tons.

Weight of Refuse per head of population per year — 3.6 cwt.

Total number of loads tipped :—

House Refuse (Motors)	...	5615
House Refuse (Team)	...	1696
Private Firms	2810
Cash Tipping	369
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